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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re application of

Eugenio Cruz Garcia

Application No.: **09/460, 117**

Group Art Unit: **3635**

Examiner: **Unknown**

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For: **NEW DIRECT LAMINATED FLOOR**

TO 3600 MAIL ROOM

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Sir:

Prior to issuance of a first Office Action, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **ADD** new claims 4-49 as follows:

4. (New) A laminated material comprising cellulose sheets impregnated with a polymer resin that are mechanically pressed and cut into a finished product, wherein that finished product includes a top surface with both a perimeter area having an edge contour and an interior region, wherein the perimeter area is relieved such that the edge contour is below the interior region.

2. (New) A laminated material according to claim 4, wherein the edge contour is less than a millimeter below the interior region.

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